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THE DESERT OASIS.—Although the days are intolerably hot in the Desert of Sahara, the nights are excessively cold. In fact, the air of these countries being entirely destitute of aqueous vapor, the heat collected during the day on the surface of the deserts is owing to the nocturnal radiation, again lost in space. The sensation of cold produced by this waste of heat is most acute, and especially so to the chilly Arab. Not a year passes without ice frequent on the ground, and white frosts are frequent. The temperature according to accurate observation, ranges from 153 degrees at midday to 24 degrees at midnight. These variations in temperature are fortunately fatal to all varieties of the fly tribe. The heat kills them by day, and the cold kills them by night; so that, after a few days' journey into the desert men and beasts alike rejoice in the relief from their intolerable persecutions.

The popular notion of an oasis is, that it is a little garden patch in a desert, of a few acres in extent, with a spring in the middle surrounded by a meagre sprinkling of trees. But according to modern authorities, an oasis is often so extensive that it takes three days to traverse it, and nearly always comprises an area of several square miles at the very least. The oases are far excellence the country of date trees, of which there are no less than thirty-seven varieties in the neighborhood of Mourzouk. These trees form the riches of the tribe, for their fruit supplies food to man as well as to beasts—so domesticated horses, and dogs. Unfortunately these wonderful gardens which travel, just emerged from the ocean of sands, look as a place full of enjoyment, for the most part unhealthy, on account of the tepid and bad water which the irrigation drains bring to the foot of the trees. For this reason, the Caesars of the Lower Empire used to send convicts to the oases, in order that they might get rid of them the sooner. But it seems that even the deserts must yield to science, which has attacked them with artesian wells, and is developing artificial oases that promise to surpass, in every desirable feature, those which nature has hitherto provided.

FISH MANURE.—Among the agricultural items of the State Journal we find it stated that fish manures are "available near the sea coast only, where they furnish an important source of fertility, which should not be neglected. The flesh of fish acts with great energy in hastening the growth of plants. It decomposes rapidly, and should be at once plowed under, or made into a well-covered compost heap." There is an error here, which a reference to Morton's Agricultural Chemistry corrects. The mistake is in the statement that fish are available "only" in the crude and imperfect manner of use suggested in the paragraph we have quoted, while in point of fact, by a simple method they can be transformed into guano, which is full of the most stimulating properties. There is no reason why fish manure, thus concentrated, should be confined to the sea coast. It is only a question of cost and transportation, just as it is with the natural product found in the Chinese Islands, and we are glad to say for the information of the public that we have works near this city, which, in the spring are prepared to extend the advantages of this powerful fertilizer from the sea coast to the mountains.—*Norfolk, Virginia.*

AN EFFECTIVE FIREARM.—"That's a pretty solid piece of oak," said General Leggett, the Commissioner of Pensions, to-day, picking up a stick sixteen inches thick, through which there was a small and remarkably clean-cut hole. "That hole was made by a rifle ball, and, after making the hole as you see it here, the same ball went through eight pine planks, in all nine inches thick. The oak, you see, has a knot; when the ball came to it it was turned about ten degrees from a straight line, and thence went straight on and through the pine." This illustrates one of the most recent, and, at the same time, most wonderful improvements in firearms. The rifle from which the ball having such wonderful force was fired is supplied with extra chambers ranged along the barrel, which are loaded and explode one after another, as the ball, having received its first impulse, passes them. It is estimated that a ball shot from one of these rifles would go at least two and a half miles if it met with no obstacle. Experiments with heavy artillery operating upon this principle have been made in England, and the results indicate a probability of extensive changes in the construction of large guns.—*Wash. Cor. N. Y. Tribune.*

"PREDICATE."—In the "good old time" when there was something of reverence felt for great men, and even for what were considered great words, there was annually sent to the Legislature of Virginia a highly respectable but most unimpeachable, backwoodsman who soon awaked, and never relinquished, an almost awful reverence for this word "predicate"—and a knowledge of this fact enabled a brother member to save a very important bill. This bill was in the very crisis of its fate—our old friend had manifested a great repugnance to it, and without his vote there was every reason to fear it would be lost. Just at the "supreme moment" (as the Frenchman would say) Gov. R., who was well aware of our old friend's weakness for "predicate," came in, and being informed of the "situation," declared confidently that he could soon "change all that." Presently the bill came up, and our old friend had risen to denounce it, when, skillfully and promptly, Gov. R. interposed: "If the member from — will allow me," he said, "I would suggest to him that this bill is 'predicated'—'Stop!' said the old man, 'if it is 'predicated' I give it up'—and the bill was quickly passed.

HORSES AND MULES.—Two farmers living near Galesburg, Ill., got to bantering whether a span of horses belonging to one could pull more than a span of mules belonging to the other. It was decided to try it in the middle of the main street of the village. The mules were hitched to the end of a long, stout chain, and the horses at the other end. At the words "get up," quick sprang each span, both sharp, gaining and losing by fits and starts, the horses finally pulling the mules after them. At another trial the mules went off with their load. This was followed by a long cheering shout from the crowd. But after various trials it was decided that the horses were the stronger. In the last trial they pulled the mules after them, turning them about in their harness, amid the great applause of the bystanders.

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VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of the Cor-
poration Court of the city of Alexandria,
on the 11th day of December, 1871, William
Sales, plaintiff, against Catharine Sales, defend-
ant. In chancery.

The object of this suit is to obtain a decree di-
viding the complainant, William Sales, from the
band of matrimony with the defendant,
Catharine Sales, his wife.

The defendant, Catharine Sales, not having en-
tered her appearance and given security accord-
ing to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this
Court, and it appearing by affidavit that she is
not a resident of this State: It is ordered that
the said defendant appear at the Court on the 1st
day of publication of this order, and do what is
necessary to protect her interest in this suit, and
that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in
the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in
the city of Alexandria, once a week, for three
successive weeks and posted at the front door of
the Court House of this city. A copy, test:
MORTON MARYE, Clerk.
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A. & C. E. Stuart, p. q.

CIRCUIT COURT OF ALEXANDRIA

COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

Featherstun v. Featherstun. In

chancery.

Notice is hereby given that application will
be made to said Court at its May term, 1872, for
an order directing the fund under the control of
the Court in this cause, to be paid and delivered
to a trustee for the parties interested, to be ap-
pointed in the State of New York, to be removed
to said State.

EMILY FEATHERSTUN. By her counsel.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF ALEXANDRIA

COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

Young vs. Young. In chancery.

Notice is hereby given that application will
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the Court in this cause, to be paid and delivered
to a trustee for the parties interested, to be ap-
pointed in the State of New Jersey, to be re-
moved to said State.

MARIAN YOUNG. By her counsel.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That ap-
plication will be made for the renewal of
registered CERTIFICATE No. 486, issued un-
der act of 23d of March, 1850, for general loan,
for two thousand dollars in the name of William
J. Cox, of Hamilton, Bermuda, on the books of
the Second Auditor at Richmond, Virginia, the
same having been lost or mislaid.

A. H. MILLER.

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CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK,

Alexandria, Va., December 9, 1872.

The annual election for Directors of this Bank
will be held at the Banking House, on TUES-
DAY, January 15th, 1872, between the hours of
eleven and twelve o'clock.

WM. H. LAMBERT,

Cashier.

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French and German Preserves, very suitable

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Dried Damsons.

Preserved Ginger.

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Call and see. oct 24

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75 whole, half and quarter boxes Layer Raisins.

5 mats Seedless do.

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10 boxes Valencia do.

3 mats New Currants.

5 boxes Citron.

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New crops for sale very low.

nov 30

R. M. LAWSON.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—The sub-

scriber hereby gives notice that he has

taken out letters of administration de bonis non

upon the estate of TURNER DIXON, deceased.

And he hereby gives notice to all persons

claiming to be entitled to the estate of

MARY J. DIXON, deceased.

All persons indebted to either of said estates

are requested to make immediate payment, and

all persons having claims against them are re-

quested to present them to him.

dec 11-11

WM. H. IRWIN.

CITY HOTEL.

Having re-leased the old and popular house,

the CITY HOTEL, we shall in the future, as in

the past, devote our sole personal attention to

the accommodation of our guests. Thankful for

the liberal patronage heretofore extended to us,

we shall endeavor, by increased exertions, to

merit its continuance.

nov 29-11

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